



Mellon Financial Corporation

Michael E. Bleier
General Counsel

August 16, 2005

Dawn M. Odrowski, Esq.
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

RE: MUR 5421
Mellon Trust of New England, N.A.

Dear Ms. Odrowski,

The above matter has been referred to me as General Counsel for Mellon Financial Corporation by Mr. Palermo, President of Mellon Trust of New England, N.A. We have engaged the law firm of Arnold and Porter to represent the Bank in this matter. Enclosed is the Statement of Designation of Counsel for Arnold and Porter.

A response to your finding will follow.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Bleier
General Counsel

cc: J. Palermo
H. Cayne

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**Statement of Designation of Counsel
(Respondent/Witness)**

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The above named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

8/16/05
Date

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Signature

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